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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE- GROUP 1700/ART UNIT 1712**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.
SERIAL NO. : 09/831,566
FILED : May 10, 2001
FOR : WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE
COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME
ART UNIT : 1712
EXAMINER : R. Lovering

May 27, 2003

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the indicated claims to read as follows: